



**Transcript for the June 27th, 2013, Webchat
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas**

Questions received in advance

Q. My fiance and I have filed the I-129F, it was approved and sent to his home in Spain. He has since then decided to move back to England. We requested to switch embassy's and received the email from Madrid stating that our request was accepted and the package had been sent to the London Embassy. It's been one month since that email from Madrid. How long, on average, does it take for us to get the documents in the mail, for my fiance to complete and mail back? Then how long does it take for the embassy to process those documents and request for the medical and interview dates?

A. It can take, on average, 6-8 weeks for a fiancé (e) or immigrant visa case file to be transferred from one Embassy or Consulate to another. Once the case has been received and processed, the visa applicant is contacted with instructions on how to proceed with their application. If your fiancé has not received a letter in that timescale, he may wish to contact the Operator Service to check the status of his case:

http://london.usembassy.gov/visa_contact_information.html

Q. Hi, I have an appointment at the US Embassy for a non-immigrant visa (tourist) and have already filled in a VCU-1 form. I received a confirmation email along with a request to bring certain documents with me to the interview. Also in the email is a request to fill in a DS-160. I am a British citizen and the first question on the DS-160 application is where I will be applying for my visa. The drop down options don't give the UK as an option. It also states that it is necessary for me to fill in a DS-160 in order for me to get an interview at the US Embassy, but I already have one. Therefore am I expected to fill in the DS-160, and if so then how can I do this?

A. All nonimmigrant visa applicants are required to complete and submit Form DS-160. A printed confirmation page of the completed Form DS-160 is required on the day of the visa interview. Tips about completing Form DS-160 can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/ds160.html> If applying at the Embassy in London, you should select the location as 'London, England.'

Q. Hi, I want to re-book a visitor visa appointment for a earlier date. I have been informed that appointments get released on twitter on @USAinUKCGCorner. How does this work ? Are the appointments sent as a broadcast on the twitter page and we can call the operator assisted info service if i see a earlier appointment ? The appointment is for 2 July 2013 but would like one alot earlier as i want to travel to US as early as possible.

A. We notify our followers on Twitter @USAinUKCGCorner when new appointments are released. However, if you want to book a nonimmigrant visa appointment or check real-time appointment availability, this can currently only be done by calling the Operator Assisted Information Service: http://london.usembassy.gov/visa_contact_information.html If you have urgent need of travel, you should discuss this with the Operator when you call.

Q. Hi. I am completely lost with what visa/ Permit I need. Could someone please advise me.



I am a flight attendant in the uk and would like to move to the US to carry on my career over there. In general the airlines require me to have the valid permits etc before offering a position. Is there anything I can do to get the required documentation? What do I need to live / work over there. Please help.

If you would like to move to the United States to reside there indefinitely or permanently, you will require an immigrant visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html>

Q. I have a conviction from 13 years ago. I have been to the US on a number of occasions since 2005 having come to London each time for interview prior to the Visa being issued. The Visa has been issued for 12 months on each occasion.

I have read about a long-term, multiple entry, visa years being issued for some. Is this possible when you have a conviction from so long ago and you can demonstrate that you, on every occasion, will return to your home country?

A. The validity of a visa cannot be extended beyond that of a waiver of ineligibility, and the validity period of a waiver is a matter for the adjudicating consular officer and the Department of Homeland Security at the time of application. You may wish to discuss your request with the consular officer when you next apply for a visa.

Please note; if an individual requires a waiver of ineligibility for a visa to be issued, the average application processing time is currently approximately six months. We recommend all applicants to apply well in advance of the travel and not to purchase tickets or make final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid visa, and waiver.

Q. My fiancée (US citizen) and I are undergoing the K-1 visa process – our application was recently accepted by the USCIS – can you provide more information about the requirement for an I-134 Affidavit of Support?

A. Fiancé visa applicants are required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the adjudicating Consular Officer that they will not become a public charge in the United States. An efficient way to do this is for the petitioner to complete Form I-134. However, if you also wish to bring to your interview additional supporting documentation for the officer to review upon request, you can.

Q. I would like to make enquiries about B-1 non immigrant visa. I'm a PhD student at the University of Cambridge and will be attending an academic conference in the US from 4th – 8th October, 2013.

However, I will be on study leave in Nigeria from 1st of July till 4th of September. I need advice on when to apply for the visa and if I can get to book an appointment for the visa interview after my return to the UK on the 4th of September. Thank you.

You may wish to review our website at <http://www.usembassy.org.uk/visaservices/?p=772> for information. If you decide to apply for a visa when you return to the United Kingdom, please visit our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/nonimmigrant-visas.html> for details of the application process.



Q. Hi, I am a Nigerian currently in United Kingdom but gained admission to a school of Law in United states. I want to book an appointment now, but i realised the validity of the passport expires in 2015 which is 2 years from now while the course duration is 3 years. Should I continue with booking and appointment for a student visa with the passport that expires in 2 years?

A. You may wish to note that the validity period of a visa relates to the time that the holder may travel to a U.S. Port of Entry to apply for admission; the visa need not be valid for the entire duration of the stay in the United States.

Furthermore, if an individual holds a valid nonimmigrant visa in an expired passport and they will be traveling for the purpose that the visa was issued for, they may travel using the visa provided it was not damaged when the expired passport was canceled, and provided that they also carry a valid passport of the same nationality as the expired passport.

Note, final determination on each individual's eligibility for admission to the United States on each occasion is a matter for the adjudicating consular officer and no assurances can be given in advance.

Q. I was denied a visitor a yr ago to attend my dad funeral ...the paper they give said ...that they recommend a waiver but the final decision depends on the dhs,it's been a,year and I hear nothing....

A. Unfortunately, we can't answer case-specific questions in this forum. If you have a question about your case, please contact the Operator on 09042 450 100 (£1.23/min) for assistance.

Q. DOMA has just been struck down by the Supreme Court today, June 26th. When can I apply for a (UK Civil Partner) spouse visa to join my US Permanent Resident Civil Partner? I am a UK citizen and the Civil Partner ceremony was conducted here in the UK. When can I apply for the spouse visa to join him in the USA?

A. As the first step in applying for an immigrant visa is for a petition to be filed with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), we recommend that you contact USCIS to pursue your inquiry. Contact details can be found on their website at <http://uscis.gov>

Q. Hi. I'm a US citizen currently working in the military, in the UK. I am only here for another two months before I return to the states, but I want to start the visa application process for my wife so that we can be together again as soon as possible.

A. Please review our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for information about the immigrant visa application process, including how and where to file a petition in your wife's name with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Q. Is there anyway of finding information before 90 days as the visa application is time sensitive ? I would appreciate any advice you can offer.



A. If your visa application is subject to additional administrative processing, that processing is mandatory and cannot be waived or expedited. It varies in each case, which is why timescales are provided for guidance only.

If you have applied for a nonimmigrant visa, please continue to check http://london.usembassy.gov/administrative_processing.html for any updates.

If you have applied for an immigrant or fiancé (e) visa, you will be contacted directly once the processing of your application has been completed.

Q. In 2002 a friend had been convicted of a driving offense, drove through a red light and had misplaced driving licence at the time. He went to court, pleaded guilty and was given a fine to pay, he was also cautioned for using his mobile phone. Would he be admitted to the U.S for a holiday this summer on an ESTA if he did not declare this on the form or would he need to apply for a visa?

A. Individuals that have ever been arrested, convicted or cautioned – regardless of when or why – should apply for a visa if they wish to visit the United States. Information about applying for a B-2 (tourist) visa can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/b2.html>

Q. hi,am an international student in the UK and my student visa is due to expire by january next year can i still apply for a US visa

A. Anyone physically present in the United Kingdom at the time of application can apply for a nonimmigrant visa here. You may wish to review our blog post at <http://www.usembassy.org.uk/visaservices/?p=772> for more information.

Q. is my passport required for filing the I-130 for my UK husband?

A. Please contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) directly with any questions about filing an immigrant visa petition in your husband's name. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/immediate-relatives.html> for more information.

Q. Thank you for your reply however I was asking how many days per year (365 or calendar) can I visit America on multiple trips using my VWP. Is there a maximum number of days per year?

A. There is no set limit to the number of times that a traveler can apply to enter the United States, and there is no set period they are required to remain outside the U.S. before reapplying for admission. However, to be eligible for admission to the U.S., immigration officials must be satisfied that each individual is a bona fide visitor rather than an intending immigrant. Applicants typically confirm this by demonstrating strong social, financial, and familial ties to their place of residence that would compel them to depart the United States after their visit. If there is a pattern of frequent travel to the United States, the strength of that individual's ties outside of the United States could be called into question.

Q. i have a couple of questions to ask. i am a uk resident. How long after my partners divorce does he have to wait to file a fiancé visa application? What evidence do I have to submit to prove a relationship?



A. Your fiancé should contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) directly with any questions about filing a petition for you. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/fiance.html> for more information.

Q. consular, please advise. My ESTA which was approved has status change to travel not authorised. do I have to apply for visa? cost? time scale?

A. If you do not have a valid Travel Authorization under ESTA, you will require a B-2 visa if you wish to visit the United States for the purpose of tourism. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/b2.html> for more information.

Q. Hi, here in the UK my parents have a recently established charity, and hopefully at some point a friend of mine from the US will come here and help us with this. I wanted to know how would or if this charity can be transferred across seas with me being the chairman? Also my parents and everyone else involved would stay in the UK. Thank you very much

A. To help you decide the appropriate visa classification for your purpose of travel, please contact the Operator Service on 09042 450 100 (£1.23/min) to discuss your plans in further detail, including your intended duration of stay in the United States.

Q. Can you confirm whether a Latvian citizen can apply for a B1/B2 visa in London, or does it need to be processed in your Latvian consulate?

A. Anyone physically present in the United Kingdom at the time of application can apply for a nonimmigrant visa here. You may wish to review our blog post at <http://www.usembassy.org.uk/visaservices/?p=772> for more information.

Q. I am a southamerican national married to an UK national, so we would like to travel to USA to visit my family, what type of visa do I must apply for.

A. If you wish to travel to the United States for tourism and to visit family, you should apply for a B-2 (tourist) visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/b2.html> for more information.

Q. I have a b2 visitor visa to USA. Do i need ESTA form?

A. If you have a valid U.S. visa, you are not required to register under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). ESTA is only for individuals that will be traveling to the United States visa free.

Q. Hi, I am planning a business trip, to attend a conference in July, I am Iraqi passport holder but currentley living and working in the UK. My question is on the waiting time, how long will take to get the visa if I applied now.

A. There is no set period of time that a visa application may take as it varies in each individual case. We advise all applicants to apply well in advance of their proposed travel date, and not to



buy tickets or make final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q. Hello I am a us citizen and live in Uk for about 4yrs now, but was not working enough to pay tax according to the hours I was doing. Now i planned to relocate back to Usa with my 2 children so I filed for my husband and my daughter, but was told to provide AOS I864, I asked my aunty to assist but I was told I still need to fill the form as well. What can I do? is there any other document or form i need to send to back the filing up or what can you suggest.

A. To clarify, in immediate relative immigrant visa cases, the petitioner is required to file Form I-864, Affidavit of Support; even if they know that their income does not meet the poverty level guidelines for their household size. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/i864.html> for detailed information.

Q. As a UK citizen applying for a US student Visa, must I be in the UK when applying? And how long will the visa application take to process?

A. Anyone can apply for a nonimmigrant visa here, provided they will be physically present in the United Kingdom at the time of application and, if the application is approved, at the time of issuance.

Q. greetings hello my question is what is the documentation that I have to bring to the interview for the F 1 and if I have to take some kind of financial proof for my stay in USA.

A. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/students.html> for detailed information about the F-1 (student visa) application process, including the documents required on the day of the visa interview.

Q. We are in the middle of my husband's visa immigration visa application, is it possible for him to reside in the USA without doing any paid employment until his visa comes through

A. Individuals that wish to reside in the United States indefinitely or permanently require a valid immigrant visa.

Questions received during the webchat

Q. Hi, While I was a student in UK, I applied for a US visa in 2005 for visiting some of my extended family. The visa was not granted because I did not have "sufficient strong ties to the UK". Since then I have established pretty strong ties and would like to apply for a Visa for tourist purposes again. Along with the general requirements of the application, will I need to submit Form I-877 or I-867, along with form VCU1? If so, I do not have either of the former two forms; where can I obtain them from? Additionally, there is prospective travel through my work to Bahamas and since the flights are via Miami, do I need a transit visa to take the flight from UK to Nassau via Miami? If Yes, will I need to provide Form I-877 or I-867, along with form VCU1? My situation has not met any of the FAQs on your website, so any help would be great. Thanks. S Yadav



A. If you wish to reapply for a visa, you may do so at any time. If you want to visit the United States for tourism, to visit friends and family or to transit to another destination, you should apply for a B-2 (tourist) visa.

Information about the application process, including documents required, can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/b2.html>. You may also bring to your interview any additional supporting documents that you believe may help you demonstrate your eligibility to receive a visa for the officer to review if they ask to see them. However, please be aware that applying for a nonimmigrant visa is not primarily a document based process and often the information provided during the interview and via Form DS-160 is sufficient for the consular officer to determine if an applicant qualifies for a visa under U.S. law.

Q. Are appointments for non-immigrant visas - for tourists - limited?

We typically experience high demand for visa interview appointments during the summer months. Real-time information about appointment availability can be found by calling the Operator System, which is also the only way to schedule a nonimmigrant visa appointment. Contact details are available at http://london.usembassy.gov/visa_contact_information.html

We advise all applicants to apply well in advance of their proposed travel date, and not to purchase tickets or make final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q. Hi, I am a merchant Marine Officer and have been issued with a category C1D visa from Islamabad in Oct 2011 on Pakistani Passport as a Pakistani National, but now I have been granted refugee status in United Kingdom and have been issued UN Convention 1951 Travel Document as my Pakistani passport has been kept by the UK Authorities. My question is that Can I be request the Embassy here in UK to paste a duplicate of my C1D visa on my travel document or I have to reapply with a fresh application?

A. Based on the information you have furnished, you should apply for a new C-1/D visa. Information about the application process can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/cdvisas.html>

Q. HI, I am an Australian living in London heading to the USA for a holiday in July. I have a current B1/B2 visa from when I used to work in Canada and I travelled to the States often to visit family. However this visa is in an expired passport. Is this still valid or should I apply for ESTA?

A. If you hold a valid nonimmigrant visa in an expired passport and you will be traveling for the purpose that the visa was issued for, you may travel using the visa provided it was not damaged when the expired passport was canceled, and provided that you also carry a valid passport of the same nationality as the expired passport. Note, final determination on each individual's eligibility for admission to the United States on each occasion is a matter for the adjudicating consular officer and no assurances can be given in advance.

Q. hi I am trying to call 09042 450 100 to ask my interview to have a visitor- tourist visa. no success for 2 days.... please help...thank you



We regret any inconvenience you have experienced. If you are unable to place the call, you may wish to try using a different phone-line as some mobile and network providers are unable to access the service. We are also aware that there have been unusually high call volumes in recent days, so you may wish to try calling back at another time. The Operator Service is open from 8:00am to 9:00pm BST Monday to Friday and 9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturdays. Typically, call volumes are lower in the evenings and on Saturday.

Q. hi, next year i will need to renew my visa. i have followed lots of these QA blogs but am still unclear as to the time frame in which an application is processed, which varies from a few weeks to six months. what is the average please, thanks

A. If an application is successful following the visa interview, the average processing time is 3-5 working days. However, processing varies in each individual case, so timescales should be used only for guidance. We recommend that applicants apply well in advance of their proposed travel, and do not book tickets or make final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q. hello, Thank u for this opportunity. I've been denied B2visa = reason no strong ties. I'm originally from Congo but neutralised British; I've been living in the UK since Nov 2005 together with my family. I work part time I have been working for the same company for 5 years now; I have just completed my degree course this summer, I'm tenant, I own a car on which I always pay my insurance annually, I'm capable of supporting myself without any financial help. My 1st demand of visa was in June 2012 with UK travel document at same time my British naturalisation was also in process and this usually takes 6months in most cases but because I wanted to travel and come back before the start of the academic year 2012/2013. Therefore I made a B2 application in June 2012 unfortunately I was refused a visa. When I got my British passport in September 2012; I bought my ticket and I applied for ESTA then went to Houston on 12/12/12 at the entry I was questioned about my answer to the question saying: "Have you ever denied

A. If you believe you can demonstrate that you can overcome the previous grounds of refusal, you may choose to reapply for a nonimmigrant visa at any time. However, final determination on each individual's eligibility for a visa can be made by the consular officer at the time of application; no assurances can be given in advance. You can bring to your interview any supporting documents if you believe they can help demonstrate the strength of your ties to the United Kingdom. However, please note that the officer will only request to review them if they are necessary to determine your qualification to receive a visa. In many cases, the information provided during the interview and via Form DS-160 is sufficient.

Q. I have discovered that my British passport has date expired but also hold an Irish passport and Irish nationality. I reside in England (UK) Is it possible for me to travel to the USA under the visa waiver scheme (as I have done with my British passport) travelling from the UK to the USA. Or do I need to obtain a visa from the embassy before travel? I am also aware of the ESTA requirement before travel!

A. If you hold a valid Irish passport which states citizen and you are otherwise eligible to travel under the Terms of the Visa Waiver Program (please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/vwp3.html> for more information, then you may register under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> with your Irish



passport details. Final determination on each individual's eligibility for admission to the United States is entirely a matter for U.S. immigration officials at the U.S. Port of Entry.

Q. Good evening consular, i am planning on moving back to the united states within the next 2 years with my family which whom both my wife and 2 yr old son are both British. I myself am a US citizen but have been in the uk for the past 24 years but still hold a US passport. I was wondering what the precise actions are i am required to undertake in order to gain visa's for my family and the costs i am likely to incur? I have followed the site to the best of my ability however am still unclear of what exactly i need to do. Is it possible you could give myself a more clear understanding it would be greatly appreciated. Many Thanks.

A. Please visit our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/passports/robirth4.html to help you determine if your son may be eligible for U.S. citizenship. A contact form is available via that website if you have any inquiries about U.S. passports or citizenship. We recommend that you review the U.S. citizenship information first, as if your son qualifies for U.S. citizenship he will not require an immigrant visa. Information about applying for an immigrant visa for your wife (and, if necessary, for your son) can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> Note, if you have any questions about filing a petition, please contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) directly.

Q. Hi, I am an international student in my masters program in cancer research. I applied for an F-1 visa in Ghana in 2011 to study at the university of Mississippi but I was refused under section 214b. I had a partial assistantsip from the Uni and my uncle was supposed to sponsor me so he gave me his bank statement for my visa application only for me to find out after the interview that it was fake. Because I couldnt afford to sponsor myself, I applied for a government scholarship which I got to study in the UK. I want to visit my fiance who is pursuing his PhD in USA. Please will my past issue affect my visa application?. What documents will I need to support that application. Thank you

A. If you wish to travel to the United States for the purpose of tourism and to visit your fiancé(é), please visit our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/b2.html> for information about applying for a B-2 (tourist) visa. If you have been refused a U.S. visa, you should declare this when you complete Form DS-160.

Q. Dear Sir/Madam, while filling DS-230 Part 1, section 14, spouse information. If my (I am the beneficiary) spouse is US citizen (petitioner) and living with me in the UK, Do I need to mention that she is immigrating with me in section 31 in case of we decide to travel together to the USA? What if she travels few months before me? Thanks in advance.

The petitioner of an immediate relative (IR-1) immigrant visa applicant (beneficiary) can travel to the United States with the beneficiary once they have a valid immigrant visa, or they can travel in advance of the beneficiary (either before or after the visa has been issued). Please complete the forms to the best of your ability and if you have any concerns you can discuss them with the consular officer on the day of your interview.



Q. Hi, I am an international student doing PhD from London. I applied for B2 visa on 10th April. Visa officer informed me that the visa is approved and I will get it within 5 days, but it is going through Administrative Processing. My question is if I complete my studies before the AP finishes I have to leave UK. In that case, Can I get my visa from the US embassy in my country of residence i.e. Pakistan?

A. As processing varies in each case, any timescales are provided for guidance only. Please continue to monitor the online case status report for any updates regarding the status of your application: http://london.usembassy.gov/administrative_processing.html If you find that you have to depart the United Kingdom before the processing is complete, contact the Operator Service five working days before your departure to ask for your case to be closed. You can then contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate with jurisdiction over your new place of residence for information about their application procedures. Contact details for the Operator Service can be found via http://london.usembassy.gov/visa_contact_information.html

Q. Hi, My question is - Does your ESTA have to be valid for the entire duration of your stay? I am travelling to USA on the 12th Aug and my ESTA expires on the 19th Aug, but I return from the USA on the 27th Aug

Provided that your Travel Authorization under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) is valid on the date you travel to a U.S. Port of Entry to apply for admission, it need not be valid for the entire length of your stay. More information is available and the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website at https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/1126/kw/ESTA
To check the current status of your registration under ESTA or to re-register, please visit the only official ESTA website: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

Q. Hello, My girlfriend lives out in America and she is carrying our child, she flew over here in April and went back carrying child, I want to move out there to be with her and help her, but do not know what to do or how to go about it or what sort of visa I would need to be able to get out there as soon as possible.

If you wish to reside in the United States indefinitely or permanently, you will require an immigrant visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for details.

Q. hi, my son travels with us every year for a family holiday. he has recently had a drink driving conviction and we don't know if he now needs to apply for a visa. It was the minimum sentence of 1 year and he has no other history or criminal record of any kind. We have visited once or twice a year on holiday for at least 10 years

Individuals that have ever been arrested, convicted, or cautioned should apply for a visa if they wish to visit the United States. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/b2.html> for information about the B-2 (tourist) visa application process. We advise all applicants to apply well in advance of their proposed travel and not to book tickets or make final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.



Q. Noor: How can i get my passport during administrative processing? and if I travel abroad (for example, Pakistan or Saudi Arabia) during AP, would there be security checks again?

A. If your passport is being held at the Embassy in connection with a nonimmigrant visa application and you find that you require it for non-US travel, please contact the Operator Service: http://london.usembassy.gov/visa_contact_information.html

Q. Hi I am a student here in University of Oxford, UK and hold an Indian passport. I will be going to study at MIT in Boston from September and need to apply for a student visa. Can I apply in the London embassy or I have to apply in India? Thanks!

Anyone physically present in the United Kingdom at the time of application can apply for a nonimmigrant visa here. You may wish to review our blog post at <http://www.usembassy.org.uk/visaservices/?p=772> for more information.

Q. hi, my wife has a visa which expires in one year. she applied for the visa because she had a simple speeding conviction some years ago and thought better to apply just in case it was necessary. However from reading the ESTA declaration, it would appear she did not need a visa. Will she need to reapply when the visa expires or can she use ESTA from then on? It is just for family holidays.

A. Individuals that have ever been arrested, convicted or cautioned - regardless of when or why - should apply for a visa if they wish to visit the United States.

Q. Hi ! Good afternoon, I am in a civil partnership with and American citizen. we both resides here in London. I would like to ask you, is the partnership recognized in the US as well? If I would like to go to US, can I obtain a visa? can I do an application for residency perhaps? any advice will be very much appreciated. Thank you so much

If you wish to reside in the United States indefinitely or permanently, you will require an immigrant visa. If you have any questions about filing a petition with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), please contact them directly. Contact details can be found on their website at <http://uscis.gov/>

Q. My husband is visiting San Francisco end of July on business, is it possible me and our son(his dependents) to travel with him. If so how to apply for visa? Do i have to pay the entire visa fees(my husband+2 dependents) at the time of booking for appointment?

A. If you wish to travel to the United States for the purpose of tourism, please visit our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/vwp.html> to help you determine if you and your children are eligible to travel under the terms of the Visa Waiver Program. If not, or if you do not receive Travel Authorization when you register under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> , then you should each apply for a B-2 (tourist) visa. Information about the B-2 application process can be found at <http://london.usembassy.gov/b2.html>

Q. HI I GOT EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF THE VISA SUBMISSION I WAS WONDERING HOW TO BOOK A APPOINTMENT ..IM IN UK



A. To clarify, applying for a nonimmigrant visa is a two stage process involving completing a Form DS-160 and scheduling a visa interview appointment. Appointments can only be scheduled by calling the Operator Service:

http://london.usembassy.gov/visa_contact_information.html